



**AFRICAN DESCENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 21, 2024**

PRESENT: Chioma Ogbanufe, Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith
Darryl Johnson
Jerry Taylor
Mapfumo Chidzonga
Taylah Carver
Renée Babin
Missy Searl

REGRETS: Andrew Howe, Vice Chair
Councillor Iona Stoddard

STAFF: Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Tamar Brown-Pryor, African Nova Scotian Affairs Advisor
Russel Brooks, Anti- Black Racism Program Coordinator
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 African Nova Scotian Affirmation

Russel Brooks, Anti- Black Racism Program Coordinator led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2024

MOVED by Renée Babin, seconded by Mapfumo Chidzonga

THAT the minutes of February 8, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Missy Searl

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – February 8, 2024

6.1 2024/25 Work Plan Discussion - Renée Babin

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 21, 2024

Renée Babin gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Darryl Johnson, seconded by Renée Babin

THAT the matter be deferred to a special meeting of African Descent Advisory Committee which is to be held before the scheduled April 11, 2024 meeting.

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant and Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation

7.3.1 African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity

The following was before the Committee:

- Presentation dated March 21, 2024
- Handout dated March 21, 2024

Carolynn Wright, Halifax Partnership and Trayvone Clayton, Halifax Partnership gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Missy Searl

THAT the African Descent Advisory Committee recommends the Executive Standing Committee request the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the African Descent Advisory Committee to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of charter changes to move forward the community benefit agreements in historic and recognized African Nova Scotian communities.

Wright, Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants and Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 African Heritage Month Lunch & Learns and the Anti-Black Racism Speaker Series

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout dated March 21, 2024

Tamar Brown-Pryor, African Nova Scotian Affairs Advisor provided an update on the ongoing educational opportunities for HRM employees, ANSAIO open houses and Pop-up events, the annual in-person speaker series and the Anti-Black Racism Training. Tracey Jones-Grant, Managing Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 11, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant